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1. General CH'OE Yong-chin, Commander of the North Korean VI Corps, was briefed in P'yongyang by PAK Il-u for three days, beginning on 8 October. CH'OE stated that the United Nations forces are capable of taking Kaesong at any time, but that the real objective of the UN is a line from Wonsan to Koksan to Haeju. CH'OE stated that North Korean Army officers agree that the United Nations artillery and planes are improving every day, but they claim that the UN troops are not as fit as in April. CH'OE believes the major UN weaknesses are poor coordination between U.S. and other UN troops, and lack of skill in mountain climbing.
2. Chinese Communist and North Korean propaganda, in early September, was blaming the delay of the peace negotiations entirely on the UN. According to Communist propaganda, the UN have underestimated Communist strength and still think they can drive into North Korea as far as the Hamhung-P'yongyang waist. In mid-September, there were two Chinese Communist units, each at approximately regimental strength, between Hamhung and Hungnam. The North Koreans expect a UN landing in this area.

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